

IN COUNCIL.

Conference of A. R. U. and K. of L. Leaders.

The Rejection of Debs' Proposition Under Consideration.

They Will Determine What the Next Step Shall Be.

ON ALL SIDES THE GREAT STRIKE IS BEING KEPT UP.

The action of the American Federation of Labor left no hope for the railway union. Preparations to withdraw troops from Chicago—business and traffic resumed and confidence fully restored—critical situation in California—echoes of the great tie-up.

CHICAGO, July 14.—A joint meeting of the directors of the American Railway Union and Knights of Labor leaders began at 10:45 a. m. today behind closed doors at the Revere House. The meeting is held for the purpose of considering the rejection by the railway union of the proposition to settle the strike. The conference will decide what the next step shall be.

General Master Workmen Sovereign left the conference at 12:30, and stated to press representatives that the services of the Knights of Labor had been offered unreservedly to the American Railway Union. "I have been in communication with our Philadelphia officers," said Sovereign, "and our Executive Board has sanctioned such action. The Knights of Labor will be called out in every place that they can be of service to the A. R. U., if this course is thought advisable, but a general strike of all Knights will not be ordered."

CHICAGO, July 14.—Chicago is very rapidly resuming its normal condition. The action of the conference of the Federation of Labor yesterday afternoon, supplemented by a meeting of the Building and Trades Assembly last night, at which it was resolved to call off the strike and resume work at once, has been accepted universally as the end of the Pullman boycott.

Mr. Debs is reported to have said that he would tie up every railroad in the United States, but in a speech to 500 strikers last night he also said:

"The only thing that now remains for us to accomplish is to get you boys back at your work. We made a proposal to the railway managers to-day regarding this. We did not ask for recognition for the American Railway Union because you and I know that nothing will make a general manager sick so quick as a mention of the A. R. U. We simply made the proposition to them that we would call the strike off if they would promise not to be prejudiced against you boys in any way."

All we asked them to do was to take back the honest, clean, former employees—the ones who had not committed any crime. We promised to come half way in the settlement of the trouble. If any man here can suggest to us any fairer proposition we want him to do it; because, you know, we want to be perfectly fair in this matter. My heart goes forth in these times to the switchmen as the bravest and most loyal men that work on railroads to-day."

The switchmen have more than once gone out to help the firemen, engineers or conductors, but does any one know of any of the other brotherhoods ever having gone out in sympathy with the switchmen? If the engineers and conductors had shown a loyal, brotherly spirit in this trouble and acted as the switchmen did, affairs would not be in a very different condition. I hope, boys, to see the day come soon when every railroad man will be working and all the men who are taking the place of the strikers, and the strikers will be re-employed as taken as individuals. It necessarily follows that a large number of the strikers had themselves unable to secure reinstatement, and these are insisting upon a continuance of the struggle."

REPORTERS READY TO LEAVE.  
The Federal troops are getting ready to leave. The camp on the Lake front has been busy packing and orders for their departure are expected at any moment. It is believed that their destination is California. The state troops are also on their way, and it is expected that they will be in Chicago to prevent any possibility of a renewed outbreak. It may truthfully be said that the situation is now in the hands of Chicago, whether employed by a railroad or belonging to the Federal Government, and that the striking work on practically any terms offered.

MANY OF THE STRIKING EMPLOYEES AT THE stock yards reported for work to-day. Thirty-seven switchmen, thirteen engineers and seven unskilled laborers were given work. Five engines were put in service and handled all night. The situation is now in the hands of Chicago, whether employed by a railroad or belonging to the Federal Government, and that the striking work on practically any terms offered.

GENERAL MANAGERS' ACTION FINAL.

John M. Egan, chairman of the General Managers' Association, announced at noon to-day that the action was final which was taken last night in returning to Mayor Hopkins the proposition for a return of the strikers to work, submitted by President Debs of the American Railway Union. The announcement was made by Mr. Egan to the result of a session of the general managers which began to-day about 10 a. m.

TIED UP IN THE WEST.

No Resumption of Traffic on the Pacific Coast Roads.

SA FRANCISCO, July 14.—At 9 o'clock this morning the strike situation on the Northern California was practically unchanged from last night. Under very strong military guard a few trains were running, but there was nothing like a resumption of traffic. The Southern Pacific company decided not to attempt to run trains at night over any sections of the road. As a consequence of this decision a daylight schedule has been temporarily arranged. In accordance with this rule the westbound military train tied up for eight at Vicksburg last night and the train which was reported to have been stopped there on Thursday night was intended to be run by the company. Two trains bound this way stopped over night at Sacramento and returned tied up for the night this side of Truckee.

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"That when the award provided for has been filed with the clerk of the district or territorial court of the United States, as herein provided, such clerk shall forthwith enter such award upon the records of said court, and thereupon said award shall have all the force and effect of a judgment or decree rendered in such court and according to the nature of such award may be enforced as a judgment at law or an order of a court of equity, and no further action shall be necessary to carry out such award, when so awarded, shall be irrevocable unless impeached for fraud or set aside by the mutual consent in writing of all the parties interested therein."

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multitudinous are permitted to eat their meals at the restaurants without getting cold soup and solid napkins. The camp on the lake front is becoming a favorite summer resort, and Gen. Miles expects before long to lay out a picnic ground there and let the soldiers and their families enjoy the lake and the beautiful surroundings.

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